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Agent on his weekly visit to the I.W.W. Headquarters, was informed by Secretary-Treasurer GRADY and Secretary FEINBERG of the General Defense Committee, that nothing of particular interest had transpired during the past week, it being the end of the month and the secretaries of the various industrial unions of the Organization were busy closing up accounts for the current month.

It seems that the General Executive Board of the I.W.W. are somewhat optimistic in considering the COMMITTEE FOR WORKING CLASS UNITY a dead issue, so far as the I.W.W. is concerned. This movement, launched by GEORGE HARDY, after his break with the General Organization, and heartily supported by ROY BROWN, ex-chairman of the G.E.B., and other I.W.W. members of Communistic tendencies, is very much alive and is likely to create a lot of sensation at the coming general convention. GEORGE HARDY, alias GEORGE HALL, at present, a prominent member of the Central European Bureau of the RED INTERNATIONAL OF LABOR UNIONS; who after his departure from Chicago, went to Canada where he was instrumental in bringing about the affiliation between the LUMBER WORKERS OF CANADA and the R.I.L.U., is "behind" the movement that promises to "stir up" the coming convention.

Merely as a matter of recollection, it is noted that GEORGE HARDY and the G.E.B. of the I.W.W., have been on the

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"war-path" ever since GEORGE WILLIAMS returned from Europe and submitted his report on the FIRST CONGRESS OF THE RED TRADE UNION INTERNATIONAL. The present General Executive Board issued an official statement at that time, dated December 10, 1921, declaring an affiliation by the I.W.W. with the RED TRADE UNION INTERNATIONAL not only undesirable but absolutely impossible.)

Upon HARDY'S initiative a letter dated September, 1922, and headed: "AN APPEAL TO THE RANK AND FILE OF THE I.W.W." was sent to the G.E.B. of the I.W.W. and also to other agencies throughout the country, for the purpose of giving it the widest publicity in the newspapers and otherwise. The letter was written over the signature of A. LOSOWSKY, General Secretary, RED INTERNATIONAL OF LABOR UNIONS, and contains a sharp attack upon the present policy of the General Executive Board, besides commenting in unmistakable terms upon the misleading and false report submitted to the I.W.W. membership by GEORGE WILLIAMS on the CONGRESS OF THE R.T.U.I. The letter sets forth the aims, principles and methods of the R.I.L.U., and proclaiming it the only revolutionary labor organization fit to survive, asks the rank and file to earnestly consider affiliation with the R.I.L.U. GEORGE HARDY, alias GEORGE HALL, in a letter dated Berlin, Germany, September 4, 1922, submitting a copy of the above-mentioned appeal to one of his Chicago associates, states that he will draw up a statement to be presented before the delegates of the coming convention, for consideration, and that the statement "will bring out the RED INTERNATIONAL and what it stands for, besides showing the G.E.B. to be what they really are." It seems that HARDY-HALL is making strenuous efforts to "put over" the R.I.L.U. affiliation and to start a subsequent countrywide propaganda in favor of a general international policy of co-operation with all revolutionary labor bodies.

Photostat copies of the above-mentioned correspondence, as well as

a photostat copy of the manifesto from the International Propaganda Committee of TRANSPORT WORKERS of the R.I.D.U., and of a letter signed by KOCH, Secretary, and GEORGE HALL, member of Mid-European Bureau, R.I.L.U., submitting the above manifesto, were secured by Special Agent in Charge JAMES P. ROONEY from a confidential informant known to this Bureau Office, and forwarded to ths Director.

In this connection it has been learned at I.W.W. Headquarters, that the General Executive Board contemplates presenting before the delegates of the coming General Convention, the question of affiliation with the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF REVOLUTIONARY SYNDICALISTS. This Bureau was established after the INTERNATIONAL SYNDICALIST CONVENTION, held in Berlin, Germany, in June of 1922, and has taken a decided stand against the RED INTERNATIONAL OF TRADE UNIONS. While the I.W.W. is strongly opposed to the RED INTERNATIONAL OF TRADE UNIONS, it is in sympathy with the aims and prindples of the REVOLUTIONARY SYNDICALIST INTERNATIONAL,and the present G.E.B. is also in favor of the principles thereof.

The date for a World Congress of the Revolutionary Syndicalists and Industrialists, which was primarily set for November 12, 1922, has been changed to December 25, 1922.

INDIVIDUALS

ROY BROWN, formerly chairman of the General Executive Board, severed his connection with the I.W.W. and aligned himself definitely with the Communist Party and with the R.I.T.U.

THOMAS WHITEHEAD, General Secretary-Treasurer of the I.W.W. in 1919-1920, is a leading figure in the I.W.W. movement on the Pacific Coast. His address is Box 1873, Seattle, Washington.

GEORGE HARDY, formerly General Secretary-Treasurer of the I.W.W., is now in Berlin, Germany, where he is one of the leading members of the Mid-European Bureau of the RED INTERNATIONAL OF LABOR UNIONS, under the name of GEORGE HALL.

HARRY FEINBERG, Secretary-Treasurer of the General Defense Committee, was a member of the Reception Committee that greeted U.S.SENATOR BORAH upon his arrival in this City, on September 29, 1922.

MEETINGS

The following dates have been definitely set for annual conventions of Industrial Unions to be held in Chicago, preparatory to the Fourteenth General Convention of November 13, 1922:

METAL MACHINERY W.I.U. NO. 440, District Convention ----------October 20, 1922.
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION WORKERS I.U. NO. 310----------November 1, 1922.
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION WORKERS I.U. NO. 320 ----------November 6, 1922
MARINE TRANSPORT WORKERS I.U. NO. 510 ---------- ---November 3, 1922.

The HUNGARIAN BRANCH of the I.W.W. will hold a mass meeting at Vorwartz Turner Hall, 2431 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, October 8, 1922, in behalf of wider circulation of the Hungarian I.W.W. Paper.

The General Executive Board of the I.W.W. will go in session October 23, 1922, for the purpose of deciding upon the place in which the General Convention will be held.

A mass meeting under the auspices of the Western District Council of M.M.W.I.U. NO. 440, will be held on October 1, 1922, at 126 South Halsted Streed, this City. HENRY VAN DORN, erstwhile editor of the "Industrial Unionist" will be the speaker. "General Organization"will be his topic, with an appeal for energetic propaganda work in behalf of I.U. NO. 440.

NEWSPAPERS and LITERATURE

The "Industrial Solidarity" of September 30, 1922, devotes considerable space to comments upon the temporary injunction against the railroad shopmen, in an article entitled: "The I.W.W. Viewpoint on Labor Injunctions". Several columns are also given to the subject of amnesty of political prisoners. A marked copy of this publication is attached to the Washington copies of this report.

The foreign language I.W.W. papers of September 30, 1922, do not contain anything of importance to the Department.

Besides the regular weekly bulletins, the following leaflets were added to the free distribution propaganda during the past week:

(1) "The immediate demands of the I.W.W.", a 16-page leaflet for propagating the demands of the I.W.W. for better wages, hours and conditions.

(2) "Bindle Stiff", a leaflet gotten out in behalf of FLORICULTURAL WORKERS I.U. NO. 140.

(3) "Fruit Workers, Attention", a leaflet for propaganda for A.W.I.U. No. 110.

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